

***Mayor and City Council Update  
October 23, 2020***

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Administration  
**CC:** Department Heads

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***Library***

Smyrna Library hosted three favorite characters from children's literature this week: Pete the Cat, the Very Hungry Caterpillar, and the Taco Dragon. The meet and greet was held outside the library, and families made appointments so that we could everyone socially distanced. After meeting the character and taking pictures, participants took a craft kit to complete at home.



***Department of Environmental Services (KSB)***

**Recycling Center**

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm  
Thursday – 10:00am to 6:00pm

Motor oil, cooking oil, and electronics (except TVs and monitors) are being accepted again at the center.

**Keep Smyrna Beautiful**

Jonquil bulbs: Sales have been excellent. There are less than 70 bags left. If any staff would like to purchase a bag of 50 for \$20.00 please contact Julie.

Community cleanups: KSB has been conducting litter cleanups around the city with small groups of volunteers. There were three cleanups in October resulting in an estimated 170 lbs. of litter cleaned off sections of Windy Hill, South Cobb Drive, and Village Parkway.

Adopt-a-Mile: The last Adopt-a-Mile litter cleanup for the year was on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Groups are limited to 10 people or less and they picked up an estimated 316 lbs. of litter.

## ***Parks & Recreation***

### **Parks Maintenance:**

This week parks maintenance staff continued to service field and pavilion rentals as well as keeping up with the high flow of traffic and the trash that accompanies this as visitors continue to enjoy our city green spaces in large numbers.

Staff recently completed overhauling all the slope style course and kids trails at North Cooper Lake. They capped the trails with approximately 15 tons of a 60/40 clay/sand mixture at a depth of 3-4 inches. By doing so this has created a smoother, rock free and all-around safer ride for those who come out and enjoy the park.



***Figure 1. North Cooper Lake Park Bike Trail***

The irrigation upgrades at Brinkley Park were just completed. This will allow us to be more efficient with our water practices as well as control and monitor the system remotely when changes need to be made or address issues that may arise. The underground system at Brinkley is unique and presented some challenges to get it right. As you can see by the picture, we had to trench and re do several sections of pipe that weren't planned but needed to be completed to make everything operate and flow as it should.

We currently have tree work on-going at Ward and Cobb Park which involves removing dangerous pine trees near the pavilion and play structures as well as removing any dead limbs in the surrounding trees that could potentially become an issue.

We have begun to install and troubleshoot the downtown Holiday Lights. As you traverse the downtown area, you will see Parks Maintenance staff and the 65' boom lift over the next few weeks getting everything ready for the 2020 Holiday Season.



***Figure 2. Brinkley Park Irrigation System Upgrades***

## Programs and Events:

“Drive Thru Trick or Treat” was held on Friday, October 16 at the Smyrna Community Center. We had approximately 500 cars drive through this event! Some participants reported waiting in line for 2+ hours. Most of the participants were thankful for this event and enjoyed it.



*Figure 3: Drive and Treat Halloween Event*



*Figure 4: Zumba Class at Taylor Brawner Park*

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool is currently open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Members are calling in to reserve slots for water walking, lap swimming, fitness center and exercise classes. Since reopening on July 6, we have had a total of 5,330 visits, with a daily average of 86 members. Beginning October 30, we will be open to members on Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

We continue to have participants in our outdoor exercise classes.

## The current schedule is:

- a. 20-Twenty-20
- b. Core de Force & Cardio Kickboxing
- c. Zumba
- d. Vinyasa Flow Yoga

Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
Monday  
Tuesday and Saturday  
Friday

We are currently holding Tae Kwon Do classes and yoga classes at the Community Center. We met the Smyrna Gymnastics this week and they are working on a plan to return to the community center January 2021.

Smyrna Dancers hosted a free introduction to dance classes outside on the green space beside the community center on October 17. They have approximately 30 in attendance. They are also beginning to plan a dance class schedule for a January 2021 return to the Smyrna Community Center.

### **Projects:**

**Community Center Restroom Renovation:** Work continues on the renovation project. Drywall and insulation being installed. Current timeline would have the project completed the near Thanksgiving. Once completed the Center will have new men's and women's restrooms, a family restroom, and a new lounge area for public use.



*Figure 5 & 6: Community Center Renovation*



*Figure 7: Community Center Renovation*

## ***Public Works***

### **Public Works Water/Sewer Division:**

Started yearly valve insertion for isolation valves on Hillside at Bank Street, Bank Street at Stone Creek, and Bank Street at Parkwood Road. Isolation valves allow the department to shut down the water in certain areas to do repairs without effecting as many residents in the area. Project 70% complete. Project will be completed when asphalt repairs are made.

Water/Sewer yearly sewer sonar testing in Ward 5 the project runs acoustic waves through our sewer pipes to determine if flow is being impeded from build up or debris. The project is 50% complete.

Installing two starter manholes on Inglewood Drive for sewer main access before paving contract starts.

**Public Works Street Division:** Currently maintaining right of ways and asphalt repairs, repairs to storm drains that will also be CIPP which consist of Banks Street at South Cobb Drive and 380 Mockingbird Lane, point repairs to the pipes scheduled this week in these areas must be made before pipe lining can begin. Pipe lining rescheduled to begin 10/26/2020 for Mockingbird, 10/26/2020 lining for Banks Street. Floyd Drive storm water project consist of 700 LFT of 60" storm drain to begin soon. Mayor and Council voted to start project on Monday, 10/19/20 council meeting. Floyd Drive storm drain is one of the largest storm drains in the city that carries over 5,000,000 square footage of sheet flow during rainfall events. Project cost of 371,000.00.

**Public Works Annual Paving:**

Project anticipated to take no more than 15 calendar days. Milling and paving has been rescheduled to begin first week of November.

**Public Works Whitfield Storm Drain Project:**

Project is 100% complete as of Tuesday 10/20/2020.

**Public Works Windy Hill Road Water Sewer Modifications:**

Contractor RDJE has installed new sewer line in Windy Hill Road on south side of the project moving towards South Cobb Drive completed. Installation of last connection to new sewer line is scheduled for next week at Beaver Creek to be 100% complete with the sanitary sewer installation. Water line installation 98% complete, RDJE has started CCTV of sanitary sewer to start the CIPP (Cured in Place Pipe). All side streets have been tied into the new water main. The only remaining water main installation is from Ventura to South Cobb Drive then the water will be 100% complete.

**SPLOST**

**Windy Hill Boulevard:**

Baldwin is installing temporary road and parts of the permanent road are to be done and opened the first week in November this has been delayed due to utility conflicts. Baldwin will be drilling holes for bridge piles starting 10/19/2020 on north side of project. Traffic light contractor installing conduit and wiring for the new temporary traffic lights they have the first set of temporary traffic lights installed at Ward Street intersection. Baldwin has made a request to close Old Spring Road at Windy Hill for improvements for the Windy Hill Blvd passed by Mayor and Council on 10/19/20.

Work at Old Spring Road that is to close the road was scheduled to start 10/9/2020 and expected to continue through 10/26/20, these dates have been changed due to utility conflicts that should be resolved in the next week or so.

**Church Street Roadway Improvements:** Phase 1 complete with water main, water services and water meter installed. Street Department is under way with installing new sidewalk between the newly installed ADA ramps along with moving curbing and gutter for landscaped islands to be installed. Island at Church Street and South Cobb has been installed and is ready to be landscaped. Plants and trees for the island have been ordered and scheduled to be installed before paving of church street is to begin. Sidewalk 90% completed, and islands have been cut out and formed for curbing to define island locations. Phase 3 will begin with milling, paving and stripping of the roadway, Bartow Paving will mill and pave roadway during the resurfacing project to cut down on mobilization cost. Phase 4 will be installations of speed tables.

## ***Police Department***

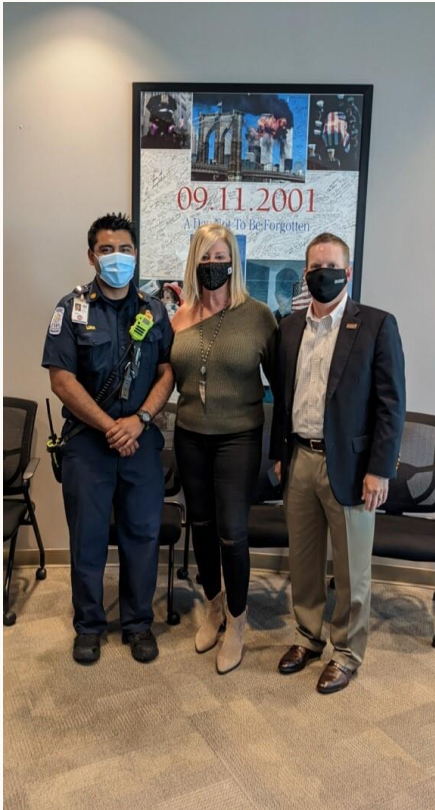
Total number of arrests:	31
Total number of citations issued:	224
Total number of citation warnings issued:	96
Total number of calls for service:	905

## ***Fire Department***

### **Incidents**

Fire-0  
Medical- 77  
Other- 49  
Total- 126

This week, Richard and Kelly visited Station 1 to deliver lunch and thank the crew for their quick action during her life threatening emergency. Without any warning, Kelly unexpectedly suffered a stroke- leaving her helpless. Thankfully her husband was nearby and called 911. The quick response time and level of care the Smyrna Fire Paramedics provided, certainly contributed to Kelly's full recovery. Mayor Norton also came by to meet with Kelly and congratulate the crew on a job well done.



***Kelly and Mayor Derek Norton***



## Community Development

		Permits	
Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	7	\$1,528,629	1-Grove at Adam's Pond 6-Brookside Lake Manor
Building Remodel/Residential	17	\$414,131	3-Interior 11-Re-roof 2-Pool 1-Accessory
Building Remodel/Commercial	2	\$500,575	2-Remodel: 2085 Lake Park Dr (Cortland at the Village), 2731 S Cobb Dr (El Atoron II)
Electrical	3	-	-
HAVC	4	-	-
Plumbing	4	-	-
Signs	2	-	2-Wall Sign – 2425 Cobb Pkwy (Peoplelink Staffing Solutions), 4499 S Cobb Dr (Mix Major Studio)
Grading	1	\$155,000	1-Commercial-1890 Freeman Pkwy (Advance Drum Service)
Total	40	\$2,598,335	

### WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	196	124

### NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
TRANSCENDING HEALTHCARE LLC	102 KENNINGHALL DR SE	H	CONSULTING
PINK BOWTIE LLC	1721 NAPPA VALLEY CT SE	H	INTERNET SALES
TRUST YOUR JOURNEY	3335 FIELDWOOD DR SE	H	MISC (WRITER, PODCASTER, SPEAKER)
THE TILLMAN GROUP	5249 STERLING COVE CT SE	H	MISC (FURNITURE BLDG & DESIGN; HANDMAN SERVICES)
AMAZINGLY UPLIFTED LLC	3150 HIGHLANDS PKWY SE, STE 105	C	MISC HEALTH SERVICES
S&S TRANSPORTATION SERVICE OF WINDY HILL	660 WINDY HILL RD SE	C	SERVICES INCID TO TRANSPORTATION